

236 CMR: BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS
OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES

236 CMR 3.00: CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC WATER
SYSTEMS OPERATORS

Section

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A public water system shall be classified according to the Department of Environmental Protection's Drinking Water Regulations at 310 CMR 22.11B, Public Water System Operator Requirements. A list of public water system classifications shall be made available annually to the Board by the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Supply.

3.02: Classification of Public Water System Operators

The purpose for the certification of public water system operators is to insure the proper management, operation and maintenance of a public water system. The various grades of certificates shall be issued in accordance with the demonstrated skill, knowledge, experience and character of the operator.

(1) In a Class VND (Water Vending Machine) public water system, the person with the responsibility for, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold a Grade VND certificate.

(2) In a Class VSS (Very Small System) public water system, the person with responsibility for, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold a Grade VSS or higher grade certificate.

(3) In a Class I public water system, the person with responsibility for, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold the appropriate Grade 1 or higher grade certificate.

(4) In a Class II public water system, the person with responsibility for, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold an appropriate Grade 2 or higher grade certificate.

(5) In a Class III public water system, the person with responsibility for, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold an appropriate Grade 3 or higher grade certificate.

(6) In a Class IV public water system, the person with responsibility for, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold an appropriate Grade 4 certificate.

(7) An employee in any class of public water system may apply for certification and, after passing the Board examination, shall be certified in the highest grade for which he/she qualifies, except that experience in a Class VSS or Class VND public water supply may not be used toward qualifying for any higher grade (Grades 1D through 4D or Grades 1T through 4T).

(8) Certificate holders who were issued certificates in Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 under the original "grandfather clause" or by written examination through December 31, 1989 shall be automatically credited with holding both distribution and treatment certification in accordance with the following table:

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Certification Grade as of 12/31/89	after 12/31/89	Certification Grade
1		1C
2		2C
3		3C
4		4C

(9) Any certificate holder with a distribution (Grade D) certificate who furnishes evidence to the Board on a form furnished by said Board that he/she has operated an in-line treatment process shall, upon payment of a fee, be granted a treatment (Grade T) certificate equal to the classification of said operated public water system. The certificate may be renewed thereafter, provided that the certificate holder meets the education and experience requirements specified in 236 CMR 4.01 for a treatment operator. All applications for a Grade T certificate must be submitted to the Board by January 1, 1996.

(10) Individuals holding a certificate as of September 1, 1994, shall be issued Full Operator certificate status in the grade he/she holds on that date.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

236 CMR 3.00: M.G.L. c. 13, § 66B; c. 112, § 87C